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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS WITH MAJ GEN MUBARAK

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1. DOD REP MET WITH MAJ GEN SHAIKH MUBARAK, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF ON 11 APR. IN A CORDIAL MEETING, MAJ GEN MUBARAK ACKNOWLEDGED THE REPLY TO HIS COMPLAINTS ON USG PERFORMANCE (DELIVERED TO GEN HUYSER) AND THE EMBASSY LETTER CONVEYING THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL (WHAT USG WILLING TO DO TO ASSIST GOK FORCE MODERNIZATION PLAN). MAJ GEN MUBARAK'S COMMENT WAS, RATHER RESIGNEDLY, THAT IT HAS "CLEARED THE AIR," AND THAT HE HOPED HE WOULD RECEIVE THE LETTERS OF OFFER ON THE ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS ON OTHER MATTERS MAJ GEN MUBARAK INFORMED DOD REP THAT (A) HE DID NOT EXPECT NEW BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BEFORE JUNE; (B) GOK DESIRED TRAINING FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL (REQUEST FORWARDED BY KUWAIT LNO TO USN IS FOR KUWAIT); (C) GOK INTENDS TO DO IHAWK CONSTRUCTION DUE TO LOCAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

3. WHEN SUBJECT OF LETTERS OF OFFER FOR SUPPORT OF USLOK WAS RAISED, MAJ GEN MUBARAK EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION
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THAT THEY WOULD GET THE IHAWK OFFICER AND SIGNAL OFFICER

(BOTH INCLUDED IN CASE UDL) AND REQUESTED THEY BE SENT ASAP. WHEN QUERIED ON STATUS OF USLOK CASES, MAJ GEN MUBARAK REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR EARLY ASSIGNMENT OF THESE TWO OFFICERS AND CHANGED SUBJECT TO A LONG DISCOURSE ON LACK OF USG ACTION ON ANGOLA SITUATION AND EXPANDING USSR PENETRATION INTO AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA. MAJ GEN MUBARAK THEN TERMINATED DISCUSSION.

4. COMMENT: WHILE SUBJECT OF USLOK IS NOT A CLOSED ONE (MG MUBARAK HAS INDICATED HE SUPPORTS ESTABLISHMENT OF USLOK ON MILITARY GROUNDS), DOD AGREEMENT TO FURNISH TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OBVIOUSLY (TO GOK) NEEDED UNDER IHAWK PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CASE HAS WEAKENED RATIONALE FOR GOK ACCEPTANCE OF USLOK SUPPORT CASES.
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